

APPENDIX VIIa
STANDARDS FOR AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY DEVICES
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The following automobile theft prevention and recovery devices have been approved by the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), in accordance with Act 143 P.A. of 1993. Any vehicles, which are equipped with or contain these devices, will qualify for a reduction in the automobile's comprehensive insurance premium. The amount of the specific reduction for each category will be determined by each insurance company, and insurers may choose to provide a greater discount to vehicles which have devices from two or more categories.

Two categories of effectiveness in preventing vehicle theft have been identified, as well as one category for systems which assist in the recovery of the vehicle if it is stolen. Proper use of the systems described in categories one and two will respectively provide an optimum level and a minimum level of theft deterrence. A vehicle properly equipped with a recovery device will enhance efforts to recover the vehicle.

1. CATEGORY ONE – PASSIVE SYSTEMS PROVIDING OPTIMUM LEVEL OF SECURITY

The systems in this category will provide the optimum level of deterrence. To qualify for this Discount, the vehicle must be equipped with at least one passive device (device is activated Automatically when the vehicle's ignition key is removed).

- A. A passive alarm system which has a back-up battery and meets or exceeds criteria established in Category Two.
- B. Passive disabling devices which prevent the vehicle's steering, fuel, transmission/transaxle, ignition or starting systems from operating, and devices which prevent the vehicle's braking system from releasing.
- C. A passive time delay ignition system which allows the vehicle to be started only after a preset delay or delayed ignition cut-off system which disables the vehicle at a preset engine speed.
- D. A passive vehicle entry/ignition key system.

2. CATEGORY TWO – ACTIVE SYSTEMS PROVIDING A MINIMUM LEVEL OF SECURITY

Any of the systems in this category will provide at least a minimum level of deterrence. To qualify for a discount, the vehicle must be equipped with at least one of these listed devices (which must be manually activated by the vehicle owner prior to leaving the vehicle). An insurer may choose to offer an increased discount if the vehicle has two or more of these devices.

- A. Alarm only devices—activated by a door, hood, or trunk being opened or by motion inside the vehicle-- which sounds an audible alarm that can be heard at a distance of at least 300 feet for a minimum of three minutes, or
- B. Manually activated disabling devices, which prevent the vehicle's steering, fuel, transmission/transaxle, ignition or starting systems from operating, and devices which prevent the vehicle's braking system from releasing.
- C. Etching of 17 digit VIN on windshield, rear window glass, and both front door windows.

3. CATEGORY THREE – SYSTEMS WHICH ASSIST IN VEHICLE RECOVERY

The systems in this category enhance the effort to recover the vehicle after it is stolen.

- A. A device which, when activated, emits an electronic signal that can be tracked by either a law enforcement agency or by a private monitoring station which relays the information on the vehicle's location to law enforcement officers.